



GOD'S LOVE

GOD'S MAN

Charles W. Conn

God does not need an angel bold,
Nor words across the sky;
He needs a man to preach His Word—
His Love to lost men cry.

A man whose mind is broad to learn
The deep things of the Lord—
Who has a zeal to read and pray
And understand His Word.

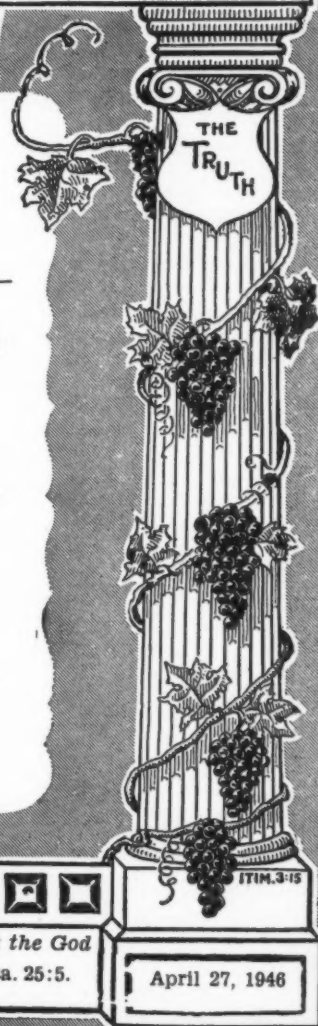
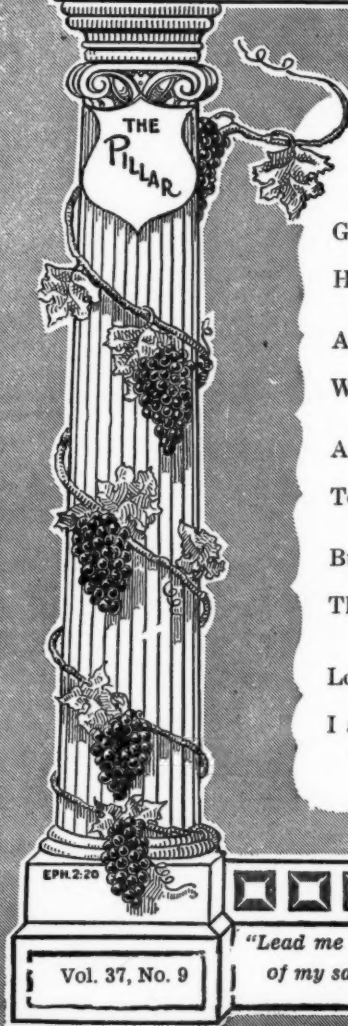
A man who lifts his soul above
This world of pride and shame,
To scale the heights of God's great joy
And glorify His name.

But, more than all, God needs a man
Whose heart is deep and true,
That Christ may lead him in his task
When there is work to do.

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Lord, now that Thou dost bid me go
To tell men of Thy plan,
I ask Thee not for angels' strength:
Just help me be Thy man!

THE GROUND OF



“Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God
of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day,” Psa. 25:5.

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NOTICES...

California State Convention

The California state convention of the Church of God will convene May 30-June 2 under a large tent in front of the church building, at 6315 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles (Hyde Park), Calif. Services will begin Thursday at 7:30 p. m. and continue all day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Sunday, May 26, is prayer and fast day for the convention. Our General Overseer, Brother John C. Jernigan, and his wife will be with us for this convention, God willing. Everybody welcome.—John E. Douglas, state overseer.

B.T.S. Commencement Play

The Bible Training School Senior Class presents as their commencement play, "Follow Thou Me," by Mary S. Hitchcock, on the evening of May 29, 1946. An admission will be charged and all receipts will go to the Senior Class library project.—The Senior Class, B. T. S., Sevierville, Tenn.

Change of Address of Ministers and Workers

Rev. Clay M. Day—Old: Rt. 4, Piedmont, Ala. New: P. O. Box 45, Dixiana, Ala., phone, Pinson 3015.

The Church of God at Sharp's Chapel, La., wants to contact someone to teach a singing school this summer. We would like a man who teaches the notes and music. Rev. J. P. Nolan is the pastor.

If anyone is interested, please write Barney E. King, Rt. 1, Bush, La., stating the date you could come; also the price.—B. E. King, Rt. 1, Bush, La.

Camp Meeting

The camp meeting at San Lake, near Buffalo, Tex., will begin June 14, 1946. Everybody is welcome. Come praying that we will have an old time revival.—C. W. Busby, Star Rt., Buffalo, Tex.

Telegram

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—There were six saved, seven sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost Sunday.—Signed, O. Olson.

Wanted

We are greatly in need of Evangelists and Lighted Pathways to put in hospitals, old people's homes, jails, and elsewhere. We want to get them in the soldiers' hospital especially, and every

other place of confinement we possibly can this summer. That is our work and we are in a new place and finance is very small, so if we can get the literature to put out, God will help us to get it out, for He always has.

We are also in need of a folding organ. If anyone has one to sell, please let us know.—The Church of God Mission, C. Zimmerman, pastor, Linden, Michigan.

I will be open for revival engagements all summer, just as soon as school is out. Before I joined the Navy I was a Christian and a member of the Church, having Rev. L. W. McIntyre and Rev. R. R. Walker as my pastors in Charleston, S. C. I was in the Navy two years, eight months, and five days. Two years of that time were spent on the Pacific helping win the war. I had quite a number of experiences while in service. I was in seven major engagements. At Iwo Jima we were hit by a shore battery, twelve were killed and sixteen wounded. I was in service at the close of the war. In fact, we had been sitting outside of Japan for over a month with the supply ships when we heard the word, "The war is over." Praise God, that was a happy day. We then went on into Japan.

I forgot to tell you what kind of ship I was on. I was on a destroyer.

We have a trailer here at school we intend to evangelize in. Praise God, I want to see souls won for Jesus. I acted as chaplain on our ship and preached most every Sunday for a while.—H. P. Batchelor, Bible Training School and College, Sevierville, Tenn.

DEATHS

DEMPSY

Sister Harriet Ruth Dempsy departed this life February 25, 1946; age twenty-nine years. She was a member of the Williamsburg Church of God.

Pray for her bereaved husband and children.—Mrs. Dorothy Aurandt, Williamsburg, Pa.

MORSE

On April 2, 1946, the death angel visited the home of our dear brother, Ernest Morse, and carried him home to be with Jesus.

May God bless his children and companion, and may they be ready when Jesus comes.—A friend, Rev.

Louis Glass, pastor, Bedico, La., Church of God.

WELLS

Brother Robert W. Wells, age twenty-five, an active member of the Church of God at Port Arthur, Tex., was accidentally killed February 6, 1946, when his motorcycle hit a cow. He was on his way to church service at Galveston.

Pray for his young wife and two small girls.—His pastor, Rev. A. R. Mitchell, Rt. 1, Box 80, Port Arthur, Tex.

REEVES

Dwite Reeves, two and one-half years old, precious little son of Brother and Sister R. L. Reeves, members of the Church of God at Port Arthur, passed from this life to a better one February 26, 1946. Pray for the mother and father.—Pastor, A. R. Mitchell, Port Arthur, Tex.

ANDERSON

Brother Joseph H. Anderson, Moniac, Ga., departed this life February 17, 1946; age fifty-nine years, eleven months, and five days.

Pray for his family.—His daughter, Sister Myrtle (Anderson) Mixon, 1104 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.

FOWLER

Brother Henry M. Fowler, a faithful member of the Church of God at Tylersville, Tenn., passed away to be with Jesus April 3, 1946. He was a real lover of the Church.—Pastor, A. G. Kennington, Dyersburg, Tenn.

NOLAN

On January 1, 1946, our dear Brother Millard Nolan, age twenty-nine years, departed this life to be with Jesus. He was a member of the Church of God at Otis, Fla.; he stood true to God until the end.—Lealer Harris, Baldwin, Fla.

KENDALL

The infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Kendall, West Point, Miss., passed away March 30, 1946.—Ollie May Johann.

ALTMAN

Brother James Troy Altman, a faithful member of the Church of God at Offerman, Ga., was born April 9, 1905, and departed this life December 31, 1945; age forty years, eight months, and twenty-two days. He was at

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"Stays" for the Mind

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee," Isaiah 26:3.

"We must win the peace!" The words are heard almost daily from one source or another. A few months ago it was, "We must win the war." Now the cry is changed. And some think we are NOT winning the peace very speedily.

Perhaps the majority of us cannot do a lot about this great international question, unless it be to pray for our national leaders that they may have the needed wisdom for their negotiations.

But to each individual does come the opportunity—indeed the duty—of "winning" not "the peace" (as spoken of today), but "perfect peace"—the kind mentioned in the verse above quoted.

God's Word has a great deal to say about this sort of peace. It, likewise, tells Christians how to have this peace. Trust in God is essential, if we would possess it at all times. And to be certain that we shall trust in Him, the Word declares that the mind must be "stayed" on God.

Now every Christian probably desires this peace, and, indeed, it is something worthy of our best efforts to have. Not many folks seem to have it these days; but occasionally one does find an individual Christian who unmistakably is its possessor—and he doesn't have to tell us so, either, because of the peaceful fruit which his life manifests.

We speak of peace of heart, or peace in one's heart. Yet, from the above-quoted verse we get the idea that the mind has much to do with it, also. The mind has to be "stayed"—anchored—securely to God. When something is "stayed" it is securely fastened, anchored, made secure. When a construction gang first arrives on the scene of a great building, often they will begin work by erecting a tall pole as an aid in raising materials from the ground. This pole is securely stayed in all directions by wire ropes leading from its top to fastenings on the ground. They make certain that no strong wind will blow the pole over. A mast is "stayed" to the

By Chester Shuler

other parts of the ship by means of stout ropes, cables, and other moorings. Anchors "stay" a ship in place, even in the roughest of seas. Something that is properly stayed, "stays put," to use a modern expression.

In a measure, our minds are like a ship's mast. They are exposed to severe storms. Worldly thoughts, impressions, influences press from every direction. "Winds of doctrine" sometimes attain hurricane force! (Eph. 3:14.) We find it difficult to keep our mind on the things of Christ (Col. 3:1, 2) as we ought. We need a firm "stay" for our minds.

While all the "winds" and "hurricanes" of the world—turmoil, strife, fear, worry, anxiety, etc., which do not make for peace, beat upon our minds, we need to have secure, dependable "stayings" to which to anchor them. While everyday things of life tend to focus and concentrate our thoughts too closely on worldly things, we need something to draw our minds to Him.

Where shall we find safe anchors, dependable moorings? Folks are looking for them on all hands—even though many may not know it! Restless hearts are running to and fro daily, seeking peace in amusement, drink, and riotous living! Their minds are anchored, but to treacherous moorings, and when the storms burst upon them, they are lost.

Where shall the believer find safe moorings? How shall he use them when found? Let us think together a bit on this subject.

A WRONG "STAY"

is illustrated by the story of a certain inmate of an insane asylum who seemed perfectly sane, except when someone talked with him. Then he could talk about just one subject—money. "It's the only thing he thinks about," explained the guide. "His money's got him down; he is incurable."

This poor man's mind was stayed firmly to the wrong anchor, money. His wealth had brought him neither peace nor liberty; it had proved his undoing...he had thought too much,

too constantly, about money and how to get more of it...had concentrated too exclusively on a perfectly legitimate "thing" without which we should be in difficulty...and then when the bank closed and he lost his wealth, he lost, also, his reason.

It's so important to have our minds stayed on proper and helpful things! As a man THINKETH so is he (Proverbs 23:7), and a man is a lot like the subject upon which his mind is "stayed."

Trust and faith must go hand in hand with this perfect peace, as the text says. Thinking much about the Lord Jesus makes for trust in Him, His power, His unfailing love and care. But in the rush of daily life, we aren't too apt at thinking much about Him—unless something prompts us to do so.

If we are mature Christians, who have indeed tasted and seen that the Lord is precious, we shall have less difficulty in thinking much about Him. But if we happen to be young Christians—or carnal ones (Rom. 8:6-8)—we may be having difficulty. The weaker we chance to be, the stronger stays we shall need to have in order to weather the storms of temptations.

THE BEST STAY

is God's Word itself. Without a knowledge of it, we shall not likely be able to keep our minds on the Lord. We need to read it often, memorize portions, and think much about its messages. One of the splendid things about the Word is the fact that even though we may not possess the time to read much from it daily, it is possible to commit a few verses and carry them along with us. A mind thus daily saturated with even bits of Scripture will be more likely to think on proper things. The Word has a peculiar, purifying effect upon almost anyone's mind who will repeat portions of it often.

SCRIPTURE MOTTOES

Ought to adorn the walls of every Christian home . . . not just for purposes of ornamentation, of course, not to impress callers with our goodness, but for actual use. On every hand, we have to look upon billboards and magazine advertisements which flaunt lies

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RELIGION... and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Preachers and Atomic Energy

It is quite amusing just how many preachers now point out a variety of scriptures which they say is the fulfillment of the atomic bomb. It would show more spiritual insight if they told us what was coming before it happened, from the Word of God. We may rightfully acknowledge a great revelation of God's creative power; but, as is usual, ministers run to shaky conclusions many times to try to prove the Word of God. God does not need that kind of interpreters.

Perilous Times

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves . . ." 1 Tim. 3:1, 2. The perils through which we have gone in World War II and are facing, as a result of an atomic bomb race, hinges upon one thing, and that is, that men are "lovers of their own selves." A lack of love for others endangers everyone else but "self."

Living Bibles

Sunday School Times tells of a Chinese woman who had just learned to read who prayed: "We are going home to many who cannot read. So, Lord, make us Bibles so that those who cannot read the Book can read it in us." St. Paul tells us in 2 Cor. 3:3, that "ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." Those who know the Bible will sometimes seek to condemn your life by the Bible. On the other hand, those who do not know the Bible can know Christ through you.

Chinese Communists Destroy Church

A report by UEA from Montreat, N. C., to the effect that "American missions in China are being threatened with extinction by Communistic elements in the national government. According to Dr. L. Nelson Bell, "The American Government's insistence that General Chiang admit Commun-

nists to his Central Government has been an attempt to mix oil and water. We have weakened the Central Government and have given the Communists a chance to further destroy the national integrity of China.

"In the area in China in which the Southern Presbyterian Church is responsible for mission work, five stations are in the hands of the Communists. In these cities, all mission property (hospitals) is being systematically razed to the ground and the threat made that any missionaries who attempt to enter that area will be killed. Some of the Chinese pastors have been taken by the Communists and are being held for "instruction." There is every reason to believe that these same methods are being used in other areas under the Communistic control.

"We have the further information that the first shipment of UNRRA supplies to China was delivered to the Communists.

"The policy of our American Government in this matter seems so tragically unwise as to beggar description. This is not a question of political judgment alone. The very existence of Christianity in the parts of China under the Communists is at stake, also the hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in mission property. In fact, every interest of America in that part of the world is being jeopardized."

The President and the Bible

President Truman, speaking at Columbus, Ohio, stated that we need "a genuine renewal of religious faith. There is no problem on this earth tough enough to withstand the flame of a genuine renewal of religious faith," he commented further. The president aptly pointed out, also, that the "only possible way that we can have a genuine renewal of religious faith" is by a return to the Holy Scriptures. "Faith," said he, "cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God," Rom. 10:17. The Word of God gives faith to those who hear and believe because it is the power of God unto salvation unto everyone who believeth.

Chicago's Mayor

Bishop Maggee, of Chicago, has vigorously protested to Mayor Edward J. Kelly, of Chicago; because Mayor Kelly, who is a Roman Catholic, knelt to kiss the ring of Samuel Cardinal Stritch at the airport upon his return to the city. Bishop Maggee pointed out that such a greeting in the name of the city of which he is mayor indicated "the subservience of the civil government to the church" and "violates our American tradition of the separation of church and state."

Niemoeller

A report coming out of Berne, Switzerland, stated that Pastor Martin Niemoeller, who spent eight years in a Nazi concentration camp, has been condemned to death by the nationalist underground movement in Germany.

Vienna's Jews

RNS reports that there is only one man to care for 4,000 Jews left of the 160,000 Jews of Vienna's pre-war population. Isidor Oehler is this only teacher, who has a class of 84 pupils in all Vienna. This is the result of war and hate.

Sunday School Attendance Up in Milwaukee

A survey of seventy churches in Milwaukee shows that Sunday School attendance is up 25 per cent for the war years.

Church in Shanghai

Churches are reported to be operating almost as before the eight years of war in Shanghai.

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The Sanctification of the Disciples

Text: "Sanctify them through thy truth." John 17:17.

By L. L. Hughes

INTRODUCTION

In the last few hours of Christ's life on earth, He taught the disciples the most spiritual portion of the entire four Gospels. He taught them about the blessed Holy Ghost, and then concluded His instructions with the great intercessory prayer recorded in John 17, in which He talked to the Father about the disciples, in fact, the disciples of all ages.

With only a word for Himself, and a mere indirect reference to the outside world, He centers the main part of His prayer upon the disciples. He prays for their preservation first, their sanctification next, and their unification last. The order is—keep them in thy name, keep them from evil, sanctify them through thy truth, that they may be perfect in one. They already had a state of grace, in which He desired them to be kept, before He prayed for them to be sanctified. He prayed that they might be sanctified in order that they might be unified.

The central thought of this prayer is the sanctification of the disciples. The Holy Ghost had been promised as a comforter. Now He prays for them, that they might be prepared for the reception of the Spirit.

Just here, we would like to take the spiritual temperature of the disciples. Were they saved or not? They were either regenerated or lost. We would like to examine their standing according to the Word. Were they Christ's sheep or not.

THE DISCIPLES WERE SAVED WHEN CHRIST PRAYED THIS PRAYER

1. They had left all and followed Christ (Mark 10:28).

2. Christ said to the seventy, who had just returned with joy from a tour of casting out devils, "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." (Luke 10:20.) How much more of the immediate apostles?

3. They received Christ and were born not of blood, nor the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of

God. (John 1:12, 13.) This begins to look as if they were saved.

4. They were ordained to preach the gospel, and sent out as sheep among wolves, and given power to heal and cast out devils.

5. Jesus declares plainly, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." (John 17:16.) Can anyone honestly believe the disciples were not saved at this time?

6. Christ had said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches." They were fruit-bearing Christians, vitally connected with Christ. (John 15:4.)

Therefore, we conclude that those who had left all and followed Christ, those who were born of God, whose names were written in the Lamb's book of life, living branches, not of the world, were evidently regenerated.

WERE THE DISCIPLES ENTIRELY SANCTIFIED WHEN JESUS PRAYED FOR THEM?

They were evidently regenerated and in a good state of grace, yet they were lacking. There was a shortage or deficiency in their experience. They had not reached full salvation or entire sanctification.

TO THE LAW AND TO THE TESTIMONY ON THE QUESTION ON THE PROPOSITION

We have been finding the good in favor of them, now let us turn the X-ray on them and see what we can find against them.

That the disciples had a mixed experience before the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ is evident, according to the Word.

1. Note the ecclesiastical, if not worldly, ambition of James and John, recorded in Matt. 20:21. Salome, or Mrs. Zebedee, their mother, at their instigation said to Jesus: "Grant that these two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand and the other on thy left, in thy kingdom." Mark 10:35-37 says that James and John made the request.

Jesus presented to them the cup of suffering and the baptism of martyrdom, and they were willing to take

both cups, to have the chief seats in the kingdom. This shows that James and John needed entire sanctification. We note later they were not hankering after the highest seats.

2. This unsanctified ambition was not confined to James and John. Jesus asked, "What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest." (Mark 9:33, 34.) That is a dispute in which many have taken part. When Jesus asked them, He did not get any amens or testimonies. They held their peace. Then He took a little child and set him in the midst, and taught the disciples the lesson of humility.

IT TAKES SANCTIFICATION TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE

3. There was some sectarian prejudice among them before they were sanctified. "John answered, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us." (Mark 9:38.) This narrow sectarian spirit of carnality needs to be crucified. Carnality usually causes divisions. (1 Cor. 3:1-3.) If anyone can cast out devils, he has the right hand of fellowship whether he follows with us or not. Sanctification makes people one, and Christ prayed for John to have this very thing.

4. James and John showed a spirit of revenge one time when they wanted to call the wrong kind of fire down on the Samaritan, who would not receive Christ, (Luke 9:54, 55). Jesus rebuked them, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." The "old man" with vengeance was certainly in the heart of these two. This spirit of retaliation is not compatible with the sanctified experience. Some may contend that a truly converted person would not manifest such a retaliatory spirit, but these two did. A converted man ought to keep carnality suppressed, but he does not always do it.

5. They had an element of unbelief. They had believed to the saving of their souls, but their faith was by no means perfect. "O ye of little faith."

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Is Jesus Coming Again? By J. A. Cross

This is an ever recurrent question that has entered into the hearts and conversation of untold thousands ever since the day the disciples stood looking into the heavens. The followers fervently preached the coming of Jesus to this world again and expected Him momentarily to appear in clouds of glory. Some have wrongly interpreted His delay and have given up hope of His coming. Unbelievers have used the delay to ridicule our faith in God, and to mock Christianity.

Even now, when clearly evident are signs of His coming, appearing in the sea, the heavens, the news of the world, and events that dramatically point to His glorious appearing, many are really wondering in their hearts, "Is Jesus coming again?"

I think that I shall let the Scripture answer the great question. John 14:3, "And if I go . . . I will come again and receive you unto myself." Thank God, Jesus answers us Himself. He settles the question forever. He promised to return. He is coming again. I should like to give you the words of other men of God who, through the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, gave us the assurance that Jesus is coming again. Paul in the book of Hebrews, 9:28, "And unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." James 5:8, "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth night." The great apostle Peter in his writings, 2 Peter 1:16, "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Jude, in his writings, quoted the prophecy of another man of God when he wrote, Jude, verse 14, "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh." Surely the witness of these holy men of God in the infallible Word of God is enough to convince the doubter, to silence the infidel, to strengthen feeble hands, to encourage the people of God, and anchor our souls in the joyous hope and glorious anticipation of the grand return of Jesus to take His people home to heaven.

Rev. Chas. E. Jefferson, D. D., in his book, "Will Christ Come Again?"

states that the coming of Jesus is invisible, spiritual, and progressive. He endeavors to prove his proposition by quoting the following scriptures, "I will not leave you comfortless"; "In that day you shall know that I am in my Father, and you in me and I in you."

I cannot agree with this distinguished divine on his conception of the coming of Jesus, for if the Bible teaches anything, it teaches a visible, literal return of Jesus Christ.

His return is visible because of the following reasons. First of all, His ascension into heaven was a visible ascension. Acts 1:9, "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight." Clearly here it is stated that He was seen going into heaven. "While they beheld." The disciples, looking at Jesus, saw Him received into heaven. Follow closely now, and read with me the 10th and 11th verses of this 1st chapter of Acts, "And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in LIKE MANNER AS YE HAVE SEEN HIM GO INTO HEAVEN." They beheld him visibly as He went into heaven, and the men from heaven said He would come again just like He went away. Revelation 1:7, "Behold he cometh with clouds . . ." Matt. 24:30, "And they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Hallelujah! We shall see the glorious appearing of our Saviour. Not an invisible appearing but a GLORIOUS appearing.

His coming will not be a "spiritual" one but a literal coming again of Christ to catch away His bride. Philippians 3:20, 21, "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, (not expect an ethereal apparition, but behold a visible, personal, real Jesus who died for us, rose again for our justification, and now coming after us, glory!) the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fash-

ioned like unto his glorious body." Let us read another scripture found in 1 John 3:2, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, (not come as a spirit) we shall be like him; for we shall SEE HIM as he is." My heart leaps within me and I feel like shouting the words of one of old, "Mine eyes shall BEHOLD him." Glory! Glory! We shall see Him; we shall look upon Him in His regal splendor and eternal glory and rise to meet Him in the air.

Instead of a progressive coming of the Lord Jesus, His coming will be suddenly, immediately, instantaneously, swifter than a meteor in its brilliant, flashing flight across the sky. Jesus describes His coming in this manner, "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be," Matt. 24:27. As speedily as the flash of lightning is hurled through the atmosphere, just so sudden will Christ come. Clerk Maxwell, a Scottish scientist and physics professor, demonstrated that electricity will travel through the atmosphere as fast as light. Light travels at the rate of 186,300 miles per second. So quickly will be the coming of the Christ of God to catch us away. An idea of how quickly that will be can be gained from the fact that light can circle the globe at the equator seven and one-half times in one second. Glory to God, so will be the rapture power to take us to be with Jesus.

Paul describes the suddenness of His coming in these words: "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed: In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye," 1 Cor. 15:51, 52. You can blink your eyes rapidly four times in one second. In one blink of an eye the coming of the Lord can take place. If you have not made that preparation to go with Him, do so now.

Jefferson further states, "There are two serious errors by which the church is handicapped at this present hour. One, a group of people who are literalists, and cling to the ancient opinion that the Lord is coming dramatically,

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American Bible Society Launches New Department

For a hundred and thirty years, the American Bible Society has served an increasing number of Protestant denominations which now number approximately fifty. The program of the Society during these years has been threefold: translation, publication, and distribution of the Word of God. Of recent years, however, the Society has become increasingly aware of the necessity of stimulating and encouraging the use of the Bible, if the first three steps are to be effective. Recently, the Board of Managers of the Society officially established a new department, entitled, "Promotion of Bible Use," with Dr. J. Chapman Bradley, as the executive officer, responsible for developing this program.

The success of the Nationwide Bible Campaign in 1944 and the Worldwide Bible Reading Campaign in 1945, is responsible for the rapid development of this new emphasis. In 1944, 14,000,000 of the bookmarks containing the Daily Reading passages were issued free by the Society to churches and interested individuals. In 1945, a little less than 19,000,000 of these bookmarks containing the passages for the Worldwide Bible Reading program were distributed. President Truman and 31 Governors cooperated by recognizing or endorsing the program. Last year, also, nineteen countries participated in the reading campaign. This year, it is anticipated that thirty countries will participate and that the distribution of the bookmarks in the English language alone will reach 25 or 30 million.

The theme for this year's Thanksgiving to Christmas Bible Reading Program is "The Word of Power for a Power Age," and the theme is based on Zachariah 4:6, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

The passages for daily use between Thanksgiving to Christmas are in bookmark form, and other descriptive material about the 1946 reading campaign is available now in all offices of the American Bible Society.

The American Bible Society anticipates that the Worldwide Bible Reading will take its place among the regular traditions of Protestant churches along with the Worldwide Communion Sunday and other special emphasis periods, now generally observed.

Testimonies

Healed

KENANSVILLE, Fla.—One night three or four months ago, after I lay down, I turned on my left side, and it hurt me so badly I could not lie on it. I began to pray. I laid the Evangel on my side, and told the Lord if He would heal it, I would testify to it to the glory of God. I am praising the dear Lord for healing my side. It has not bothered me since. Praise His name forever.—A sister in Jesus, Mrs. L. G. Stevens, Box 44.

I Am So Happy in Jesus

GREENVILLE, Miss.—Dear Readers, I praise God tonight for what He means to me, and for His healing power. I am so happy to say He has saved, sanctified, and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost. I used to wonder why "holiness" people could say they didn't sin, and were always happy, but praise be to our dear Savior, I know now. I am so happy in Christ Jesus, I find it hard to get my work done. I want to just sing and praise His name.

Pray that I will always stand true to His dear name, and please pray for my husband to be saved and all my family who are out in sin.

I have just finished reading February 2 Evangel, and I enjoyed every word of the paper. The only thing that is wrong is that it is not large enough.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. E. Quinn, Rt. 2, Box 337.

The Lord Has Healed Me Many Times

WAGENER, S. C.—Dear Evangel Readers, greetings in Jesus' name. I am writing this because I promised the Lord if He would heal my throat I would testify for Him. I praise the good Lord for His healing power. I knew the Lord could heal me, as He had done so many times before.

I thank everyone who offered prayer in my behalf. I thank the dear saints for the encouraging letters, tracts and anointed handkerchiefs I received. May God's richest blessings be upon each one of you is my prayer. I desire the prayers of the saints that I will be faithful and true to the precious Lord forever.—Mrs. A. B. Pou, Rt. 1, Box 173.

Encouraged

EASOM HILL, Ga.—Dear Evangel Readers, I praise God for the way He is blessing at Mt. Olive Church of God. Our Sunday School is growing every Sunday. Won't you please pray that God will give us a great revival? Pray for our good pastor and family, Brother and Sister Owen, who have been faithful.

Pray for me as a Sunday School teacher, that God will give me knowledge and wisdom, that I might be a blessing to others.—Mrs. W. F. Gentry.

In Need of Prayer and Healing

Dear Evangel Readers, I am a young man of twenty who is in need of prayer very badly. I am in the United States Marine Corps, have been for almost two years. I was in battle at Iwo Jima and was wounded, and the doctors found out I have T. B. in both lungs. I got it in one first, the right, and then later the left. I have been in the hospital for a year June 7, 1946.

While I was a civilian I went to church every time they had service. The Church of God is just a little way from where I stayed. Now I am in need of prayer very badly. I believe God can heal me, and I do wish you and the members of God will pray for me.—Sincerely yours, Pfc. Menice West, U. S. Naval Hospital, Ward B-12, Sampson, New York.

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WANTED: MEN

By Charles W Conn

(Author's Explanation: This was preached as a baccalaureate sermon at the Leadwood, Mo., High School Auditorium on May 13, 1945. It has been revised for this publication. When the noun "Man" is employed, it is not meant to denote only the masculine gender, but the inclusive "Mankind"; either male or female. The lady readers may substitute the noun "Woman" and apply the message to themselves.)

Ezekiel 22:30, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land . . ."

The entire world is questing for a man. The President of the United States, Harry S. Truman, in a recent speech in Columbus, Ohio, exclaimed, "Oh, for an Isaiah or a St. Paul . . .!" In the May, 1946, issue of *Reader's Scope*, Charles Dexter states in his article, "Wanted: A Leader," "... Public men and private agree that America's future happiness is menaced for lack of a clear-visioned leader. Who can guide the nation toward unity? Is there such a man?" From the potpourri of today's generation there must emerge a man capable of righteous leadership, if the world is to survive. That is the opinion of Mr. Everyman.

We focus our attention on that man whom God needs. The pressing concern of us all should be that God find His man. We may preach on "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" but it is not He who is missing—it is Elijah. When there steps forth from today's crop of faithless, prayerless, visionless, churchmen a person with the heart of Elijah, then there shall be wrought in today's world Elijah-like miracles. God needs a man who can hate sin—and love the sinner; a man who can resist the devil—and submit to God. God needs a man who will dare to stand head and shoulders above the common-run Christian. God needs a man—will YOU be His man?

FISHERS OF MEN

God needs men to win other men. When He wanted men to understand His love, He sent His Son in the form of a MAN. This man, Jesus, called

other men; He called them that they might call still other men. John 4:29 (speaking of Jesus), "Come see a MAN ..." Matthew 4:19 (Jesus speaking), "... Follow me, and I will make you fishers of MEN." It takes kind to win its kind—a man to win a man. You will remember the story of the scientist who saw a way he could help a group of tolling ants, but was unable to make them understand. In resignation, he realized that the only way to help them was to become an ant himself. Then the glowing force of God's purpose in becoming man in Christ Jesus illumined his mind and dissipated his infidelity.

The presence of a real leader inspires courage, and other men are drawn to him like metal to a magnet. The sum makes an invincible army. Oscar Hammerstein has captured the thought perfectly in his rousing "Stout-Hearted Men";
"Give me some men, who are stout-hearted men,
Who will fight for the right we adore.
Start me with ten
Of these stout-hearted men,
And I'll soon give you ten thousand more."

SOLDIERLY MEN

A person wholly given to God must exercise the rigorism of a soldier. With one good soldier, God will be able to stem any flood that may beset the Church. With a group of stout-hearted Christian soldiers, the battle is already won.

During the Greco-Persian Wars (481 B. C.), a very small detachment of Spartans, under Leonidas, was able to withstand the avalanche-like drives of the Persians, for they were strategically situated in the pass of Thermopylae. They were finally overcome, not because of the might of the Persians, but because of the treachery of some of their own Hellenes. Men of God, in the gap for God, can stand against any onslaught the devil can offer.

Then, too, there is the legend of Horatius, who, with two companions, withstood all the Etruscan host while their fellow Romans destroyed the Tiber bridge. Three men (and finally only Horatius) against an enemy army—but, as the legend goes, Rome was saved. God needs such soldiers. Whether they be in uniform, clerical robes, overalls, dresses, or business suits, God needs soldiers. Ephesians 6:11-17. 2 Tim. 2:3, "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Individuals can stand alone, if necessary, before God for the land. Abraham influenced God for Sodom. Moses stood alone between God and the Israelites. Martin Luther alone resisted the abominable Roman Catholic indulgences (concerning "Purgatory"). Others rushed to his side as soon as he arose from the priestly ranks their Protestant champion. The "Methodist" group of Oxford scholars, John and Charles Wesley, George Whitefield, etc., stood against the Anglican trend toward papacy. When it seems that you stand alone, stand!—and others will catch the vision and rise to stand with you. If it seems that Truth is a lost cause, stand!—stand in prayer, stand in patience; don't go the way of the crowd, if you stand for principle. Stand! for myriads of lesser men stand in the fringes of uncertainty, eager for a leader around which they can rally. 1 Cor. 16:13.

Watch ye,
Stand fast in the faith,
Quit you like MEN,
Be strong!"

WANTED: MEN OF WISDOM

The wisdom in reference is *not* synonymous with knowledge. James 1:5, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God... and it shall be given him." Matthew 10:16, "... Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." We must be wise. Then what is wisdom? It is certainly not "ever learning and never coming to the knowledge of the truth." Proverbs 1:7, "The fear of the Lord is the BEGINNING of wisdom..." One begins to be wise when one begins to fear God. Proverbs 11:30, "... he that winneth souls IS wise." Yes, a man of wisdom is an evangelistically-minded man. When the man God seeks appears in the Church, we will see such hunger for souls as we have never seen before.

If you have no genuine evangelistic wisdom, ask of God and He will give to you. You *cannot* succeed without it. Daniel 12:3, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

WANTED: MEN OF VISION

Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision the people perish..." Acts 2:17, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall SEE VISIONS..." Not hallucinations, not

mirages, not deliriums, but *visions of progress*, efforts of attainment, hope of things to come, dissatisfaction with a decadent, satisfied church, an insatiable urge to advance. The late President Franklin D. Roosevelt said: "The country needs bold, persistent experimentation. It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly, and try another. But, above all, try something." Don't be afraid to venture forward. The lack of effort is a greater sin than failure. If you are ultra-conservative, visionless, afraid, you are not yet the man whom God seeks. Have a vision of greater things, and be willing to spend your life in attaining them.

WANTED: MEN OF KNOWLEDGE

In stressing the armor of God, we often neglect one of the most essential parts of a soldier's array—his shoes. Ephesians 6:16, "And your feet shod with the PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE,"—that means study and knowledge. If you ever expect to become a person whom God can use, if you hope to be led into the thick of the fray, you must be shod. Without the sandals of learning you will pick up a thorn, or receive a stone-bruise. 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a WORKMAN..." The day is past when ignorance does not matter—one must *know* today.

Frank O. Colby says in *Your Speech and How to Improve It*: "Indeed, we are told that the Athenians of ancient Greece were so intolerant of error that they soundly hissed the unfortunate orator who mispronounced even a single word." If you will read Acts 17:15-34, you will notice that St. Paul was able to speak to these fussy pedants on their own grounds, in their own vernacular, with such an easy authority and skill that he commanded their attention and conviction. A man of learning will be far more readily heard by gentle people than a coarse, unlearned guesser. There is no argument about that. Your contention may be that you are unable to be both learned and spiritual. Then something is wrong with you—your equilibrium is gone. Knowledge brings *truth*: and Jesus is truth. That education is an abettor of atheism is a lie that should be refuted from every pulpit—and not a superstition behind which every faint-heart must cringe. Scriptural truths should, verily, be the foci of all our studies: true science and Scripture are parallel. God's man, like Paul, must be able to meet the skeptic on his chosen ground, with his

chosen weapons, and remould the argument into God's truth. To defeat the enemy's argument, you must first understand it.

Sapere Aude: Dare to know!

WANTED: MEN OF PRAYER

Luke 18:1, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." A prayerless man is not God's man—neither can he be. By "prayer" a sleepy, unfelt, bedtime recital is not meant—but earnest, intense prayer. God is looking for a praying man; without prayer all other qualifications are vain. Each day must see the renewal of a ceaseless intercession. Without prayer all is futile and tiring. Better a little less study, and a little more prayer—better a little less visiting, and a little more praying. The man of God must make prayer the nucleus of his entire life; around which the activity of each day is centered. There have been those who prayed from six to eight hours each day. How, then, can you hope to be God's man with scarcely an hour of prayer a day? For many, even an hour in prayer is unthinkable and never experienced. Many people today pray only of necessity and never in devotion. The more earnestly you pray the more perfectly you become God's man. Often problems are not solved by prayer: they merely dissolve into non-existence.

WANTED: MEN OF FAITH

After the man of God has exerted all his energy, and prayed, he must *believe*. God wants a man, like Abraham, who can stand under the impact of His promises without staggering. Hebrews 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him..." Unless we believe as we pray and work, all our prayers and toils are futile. The anonymous author of *The Kneeling Christian* writes: "Henry Martyn was a man of prayer, yet his faith was not equal to his prayers. He once declared that he 'would as soon expect to see a man rise from the dead as to see a Brahmin converted to Christ.' Would St. James say, 'Let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord'? James 1:7. Now, Henry Martyn died without seeing one Brahmin accepting Christ as his savior. He used to retire, day by day, to a deserted pagoda for prayer. Yet he had not faith for the conversion of a Brahmin. A few months back there knelt in that very pagoda Brahmins and Mohammedans from all parts of India, Burma and Ceylon, now fellow-Christians. Others had prayed with greater faith than Henry Martyn."

God's man must be a man of unbound faith—one who will not hesitate in taking a step in the dark, if the need so be. He that believeth receiveth.

WANTED: YOU

Don't be smug because you have enjoyed a degree of success. You have only tapped God's great reservoir of power; you have not yet exhausted one unit of His energy. The world has not yet heard of your awe-striking power, nor yet realized that you are among them. When you have become the man whom God seeks, the sound of your voice will bring gladness to the hearts of angels, and terror to the hearts of devils. When you become the man of God you can be, your power will be known around the world: not your little world, but God's world. God's man will be for God's world. Your effusive radiance will be like balm to weary men and women everywhere. Realize that you have only begun. Don't be satisfied. Be restless. Determine to know what it is like to be God's man—wholly.

COMMON MEN

The only reason God does not perform the miracles He performed in the days of Paul is because He does not have a Paul through whom He can work. Ah, you think, but that is impossible, Paul was Paul and I am I. That is true, but...

A haughty persecutor, little and unknown, just one among many such men, so humbled himself before God that he became the greatest Christian leader and organizer the world has ever known: Paul the apostle. A sweating, grimy man, stinking of fish, undistinguished among those standing in the murky water beside him, so completely loved and obeyed Jesus that he became one whose shadow healed the sick: Peter the apostle. A tolling, obscure herdsman, whose days knew no greater excitement than the following of his sheep, whose influence reached no farther than the bounds of his home village, became so impassioned with the Spirit of God that he raised his trumpet voice against hypocrisy and decadence to become one of the greatest influences for religious reform that ever lived, whose words of dynamite are as potent today as they were the day he spoke them: Amos the prophet.

Common men, as ordinary as you and I; men who were born and suckled, who cried and laughed, and grew

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B. T. S. Speaks

THE VETERANS GOSPEL BAND



The Veterans Gospel Band

The Lord's blessings are upon those who are willing to help the individual who is in trouble. His approval abides upon the groups or persons who go out of their way to help provide the necessities for sustaining life to those in need.

Such has been the case with the Veterans Gospel Band at B.T.S. in the two years of the existence of the band. The devil has tried all that was within his power to destroy the organization.

Since the organization of the Band, mighty things have been accomplished for the Lord. We have tried to be a blessing in the spiritual realm as well as the physical side of life. Thus far, we have been.

The Veterans Gospel Band was organized in the 1944-45 school term. It consisted of veterans of World War II. The boys were getting out of the service of their country and entering the school here so as to be better qualified to fight in the service of God, which is a never-ending conflict.

Our work that year was magnificent. We were writing to those who were still in uniform, telling them

how God was One of love and what He would do for them. On week ends the band would go to churches within a radius of two hundred miles to be a blessing to anyone who wanted to serve God.

This year there are just twenty-two members out of fifty-six veterans in the school. These boys are really on fire for God. There are boys in the Band who were saved before going into service. They went through the war and came back shouting the glorious victory in their souls. A few have received the Baptism in the recent revival held here under Brother Leonard Carroll. Among these are Bros. James Wiley, Lacy Powell, Martin Miller, and Junior Wingate.

Since the war is over, the Band has taken on a wider scope, and we are trying to help those who are going to school and trusting God for their expenses. Some have needed food; others, clothes; and some need help on their school expenses. We have endeavored to know God's will and help as much as we could. To date, the Band has raised \$750, which has been given, with the aim in mind, to be a blessing to those in need. We pause

here to give God the glory for it all again. We wish to express gratitude to the teachers and students of B.T.S. and to the churches who have helped us in that which we set out to do.

The Veterans Gospel Band picture is being offered for 25c, or as much as you would like to send us. This again goes for worthy students.

We ask the prayers of all who read this that we may continue to progress for God and His cause.

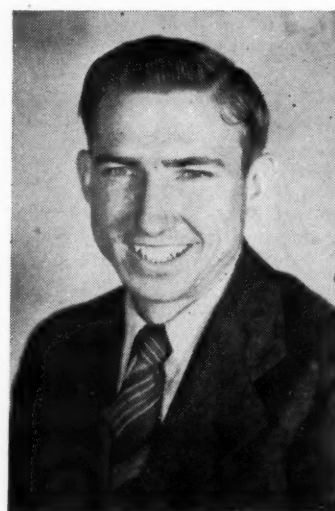
May God bless you all.

—LeRoy Baker.

My Testimony

I am praising God that He has made it possible that we could be saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. It was through the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on Calvary's cross that I am alive and have great joy. It was through the mercy of God that while I was in service and faced death, I went through it and came out with a broken leg and five other wounds in my legs, that I am here. God was there with me. It was all because He saw fit to let me live that I can say I have been healed of pleurisy. God also healed me of a dislocated back that was almost past using. I thank God for this. Those were great miracles, but the greatest of all was the night of March 12, when I was baptized with the Holy Ghost. God gave me a determination to live a consecrated life and to preach the gospel to the lost world. Pray for me.

—James Wiley.



James Wiley

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

REPORTS *From the Field*

The Lord Is Blessing in Wilmington, Delaware

We are truly thankful for the way the Lord is blessing us here in Wilmington, Del. Although we have had no outstanding revival, there seems to be a revival spirit among the people in the community in which we are working. The people in general are being stirred as to the true gospel. Seven have been saved and sanctified, and six filled with the Holy Ghost.

Elder Clarence Denson and his wife are truly doing a good work here. We believe there are great things in store for the Church of God here. We do thank the Lord for sending Elder and Sister Denson our way. They seem to be full of zeal and courage, being assisted some by Elder and Sister W. M. Smith. We believe the work will move steadily forward.

Bishop N. S. Marcelle came to us March 10 and set the church in order with eight new members and three transfers. He also brought to us a wonderful, soul-stirring sermon. The young saints enjoyed having him with us, and they seem to be very much encouraged to do a great work for the Lord.

We desire the prayers of the saints that we may prove faithful and press on to the end. We realize we have only a short time to work for Jesus and His glory.—Sister Esther B. Smith (colored).

Accomplishing Much for the Lord in New Jersey

MILLVILLE, N. J.—Dear Evangel Readers everywhere, greetings in the name of the Lord.

It has been a long time since you heard of what we are accomplishing in the State of New Jersey. We are still praising God for the victory in our souls.

Answering to the call for a fellowship meeting, we gathered from all corners of the State of New Jersey. Did God bless? Well, you ought to have been there!

The morning and afternoon service and special singing by the trio; namely, Miss Reba Boulder, Miss Miller, and Miss Elizabeth Blankenship, was enjoyed by all present. An offering was taken for missions, for which we are thankful. We are striving for better offerings as the work of the

Lord is carried on.

Brother C. H. Blankenship, our good state overseer, delivered an inspiring message, "O God, Get That Man!"

Brother Heppler, of Pleasantville, and Sister Betty, our state evangelist, were present in these services, and their good sermons and testimonies fed our souls. Many visitors were there to praise God with us.

We desire your prayers, that God will continue to bless us here, doing the work of the Master.—Mary Teranoua, reporter.

It Pays To Hold On to God

OCOEE, Fla.—Dear Evangel Readers, greetings in Jesus' holy name. We do have so much to praise God for. We can never praise Him enough for His tender love and mercy. Bless His holy name. He has been so good to us at Winter Garden, Fla. The devil thought he would surely overpower us when we started our church. We had it partly built. The devil said, "No, we won't have a Church of God in Winter Garden. It's all right to have our liquor stores, our dance halls and theaters on Main Street, but we can't let a Church of God come into this town." They wouldn't let us build there. We tore down, bought us another lot, and here came the devil with a little more force. He said, "You can't have church here unless you sign this contract to close doors not later than ten o'clock at night, pay all the rent on the houses around the church, or see that they are rented to people who will pay, for the people say if the Church of God comes here they will move, and I can't lose my rent." My husband said, "No, I will never sign it."

We bought another lot, and, praise God, the church went up, but such a struggle we had. It was such a struggle the members began to go to other places to find it easier and call for their transfers. It seemed there were not enough left to go on. I suggested to my husband that we go to some other place where good could be done, but he said, "We prayed for a Church of God in Winter Garden. God has given it to us, and we must lift it up." I would go there with such a burden and my eyes so full of tears until it seemed all there was to do was give it up, but praise God for a faithful

few who held on to God, Bro. and Sis. Creech, God bless them, and some more sisters who helped us hold it together. My husband would say, "I believe some day it will be the biggest church on the district," praise God. We were out of a pastor lots of times. We began to pray for God to send us a pastor to help build up the church. One night God answered our prayer. In stepped Brother Kennington and wife. He lived in town, but was going to the Assembly of God church. As they passed the street that led to the Church of God, his sweet, Holy-Ghost-filled wife, who is always led by the Spirit, said, "God spoke to me and said 'Go to the Church of God.'" They, being led by the Spirit, walked into the Church of God, then came into the church, and he has been our pastor ever since.

It is wonderful how God blesses us. We are now getting our prayers answered that seemed all in vain. It is wonderful how God heals, saves, sanctifies and fills with the Holy Ghost. A week ago, Sister Grier, one of the faithful sisters, fell and broke her hip. Her husband called the doctor. He came and said they would have to rush her to the hospital at once. Another sister stood by the bed, saying that if we could only have the faith, she wouldn't have to go. The doctor said that God could not heal a broken bone. The sister said, "Yes, God can heal anything, if we only believe." The doctor left, and Sister Grier sent for the saints. She didn't want to go to the hospital, and praise His sweet name, as the saints prayed, Sister Grier danced and shouted. She hasn't missed any services, walks about one mile, testifies, dances and shouts to the healing of a broken hip. Thank God. We do not rejoice because the evil spirits obey us, but because our names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Brother Phillips held a revival for us, and how the Holy Ghost worked! He had us shedding jewelry, combs, flowers, rats, tie pins, and all ornaments. Praise God. One didn't know another one was shedding until the service was over, but the Holy Ghost was working. He had us all in one mind and one accord. Praise God. Church of God, let's get rid of pride, get back to the old landmark, live humbly and see the miracles worked that go with the Church.

Pray for us. We need your prayers. Pray for my healing. I am trusting God.—Mrs. J. A. Birdyshaw, Box 1707.

THE SANCTIFICATION OF THE DISCIPLES

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"Why did you doubt?" "O fools, slow of heart to believe." These are Christ's expressions. They did not possess the sanctifying faith.

6. The disciples showed in the arrest and crucifixion that they were not wholly sanctified. Christ requested that they not be arrested, "Let these go their way." He did not mean to give them a special permit to "take to tall timber," to forsake Him and flee. They simply showed the white feather and beat a double retreat. They demonstrated they did not have heart purity. Peter lost his temper, lost his religion, and confirmed his denial of Christ with a wicked oath. About that time the rooster raised himself and flapped his wings, and with a loud crowing, crying voice preached Peter under conviction, who then remembered the words of Christ and went out and wept bitterly.

7. Christ prayed for their sanctification before His crucifixion, which is evidence that they needed the blessing. Why would Christ pray for them to be sanctified when they were already in possession of the blessing? "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth." He did not pray for the Father to regenerate them. They were already regenerated. Neither would He have prayed for their sanctification had they already been sanctified. Anyone who knows anything about sanctification knows full well that it is not so fleeting as to be reeking with vengeance.

8. They did not have sanctification because they lacked the unity that goes with sanctification. "Both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one," (Heb. 2:11). They were in Christ but they lacked the unity that becomes entirely sanctified people, therefore, Christ prayed for their sanctification, which brings about unification. Sanctification gives the highest and best unification known of in this life. Sanctify them that they may be perfect in one.

THE FINAL AND LAST PROPOSITION

Some claim that Christ was only consecrating the disciples when He said "Sanctify them," and they base their argument on Christ, having said "I sanctify myself." They say that "sanctify" means the same in both cases.

Adam Clark says: "The word has

two meanings; it means to consecrate, to dedicate. It signifies to make holy or pure. The prayer of Christ may be understood in both senses.

Every word in the Christian system has more than one meaning. Let us consider the words in this prayer used with two meanings. "Glorify," verse 1. The glorification of the Son could not have meant the same as glorification of the Father. (Verses 4, 5, 10.) The noun "glory" is used three times in this chapter and the verb "glorify" or "glorified" five times. In the Greek, in this connection, there is just one word for "glorify," and one word for "sanctify." Now if we must give "sanctify" only one meaning as applied to both Christ and the apostles, we must give "glorify" only one meaning. If "glorify" has two meanings, why not allow that "sanctify" has two meanings. When Christ sanctified Himself, we have one meaning of the term, and when the Father sanctified the disciples, we have another meaning of the term. Glorify and sanctify are not the only words with dual meaning in this chapter. "They are not of the world" has a different use of "world" than "I pray that thou shouldest take them out of the world." "One" as we are "one" could not apply to the disciples as it applied to the Father and Son. The disciples could only be one in unity, while the Father and Son were one in substance and glory. The disciples could only be one in agreement and sympathy.

He did not say, Sanctify them as I sanctify myself, but "I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified through the truth."

A little more etymology and philosophy would wonderfully help out theology. So, taking all these words and facts and circumstances into consideration, we must affirm that the word "sanctify" as applied to the disciples meant purify.

Someone said, Where were they sanctified? Since the Bible does not say definitely where, I will not bother about that. The fact that they were in need of sanctification to bring heart purity, and to bolster unity, and that Christ prayed that they might be sanctified, and suffered without the gate to that end, and in that they were found on the day of Pentecost of "one accord," and God honored their unity, resulting from purity of heart, by pouring out the Holy Ghost upon them. I would say they were sanctified somewhere between the crucifixion of

Christ to this end, and the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost.

Believers, remember that this high priestly prayer is not confined to the first disciples, but includes all true believers. If you are a believer and have not already done so, consecrate all to Jesus right now and claim the blessing of sanctification by faith.

WANTED MEN

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and tolled: men as we are men. But, still, men who aroused that potential self within them, men who so withdrew themselves into God that the opening of their lips to speak seemed to be the opening of God's lips. As you read this, asleep in your heart is a man like these—there is love, fervor, perseverance. Wake him! Wake yourself! Dare to be God's man! So retire into Him who is all-Wisdom that when you speak the world will listen as though He had spoken. God needs a man. The world needs God's man.

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B. T. S. SPEAKS

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directed me here to Bible School.

I was in Agricultural work at the University of Arkansas before entering the service, but, somehow, agriculture didn't appeal to me after being discharged. My heart seems to be able to consider only religious work of some type.

God has been abiding and directing me thus far and I'm depending on Him to lead me in the field that He can best use me. He has given me a wonderful means of preparing myself for His work—the government benefits for veterans. He works things out.

My, my, I could write volumes of God's mercy to me, and I would highly recommend Him to anyone who needs some friend to abide always within. I have proved His promise in Matthew 28:20—"Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." That is the promise I am depending on to lead me into the field of service for the One who abides with me.—Lacy Powell.

IS JESUS COMING AGAIN?

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spectacularly, and miraculously. Second, those who do not believe in His coming at all."

I should like to answer the last proposition first. I well realize there are those who do not believe in the coming of Christ. I think that their actions prove they are not expecting the coming of the Lord. However, I do not feel that the unbelief of a few can in any way stop the mighty working power of the Holy Ghost who is in the world calling out a people for the bride of Christ. While we have always had unbelievers in the world, and perhaps some in the church, yet it is evident that the business of souls being saved, cleansed by the blood, and filled with the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost, is carried on with many hundreds finding the blessings of God precious to their hearts every day, and God is adding to the church souls in a greater number now, it seems, than ever before.

As to the first charge, I will answer by saying, Thank God, I am one of those who clings to the ancient opinion that Christ is coming, yes, coming dramatically and in a miraculous manner. There are some distinct advantages to this kind of old-fashioned belief. I should like to enumerate some of them.

If we are old-fashioned "literalists,"

in our belief of the coming of Jesus, it will keep us from backsliding. No one can cherish within his bosom the flaming belief that Christ can come any moment, and grow cold, lukewarm and careless in his life. A firm, living belief in the coming of Jesus will keep us on fire for God and His cause.

If we are old-fashioned "literalists," it will keep alive the hope within us, in the middle of a world that has lost hope in mankind, in democracy, and world peace. The hope that Christ is coming and will set up a kingdom of peace on earth, end misrule and dictatorships, and establish a season of holiness religion when the devil shall be bound. The hope of the coming of Jesus has carried men and women through storms of life, through loss of financial security, comforted bereaved hearts that were breaking when clods of earth were thumping on the box that held the earthly remains of loved ones. It has given courage to face the chopblock, brave the dens of wild beasts, embrace the stake while flames of fire licked at their life, and encouraged one another in the hope of beholding the face of Jesus our Savior. God grant that the flame of HOPE of the COMING of Jesus shall never die in the hearts of children of God, but rather, that the fire will flame brighter and rise higher until the world shall feel the effects of the nearness of Christ's coming.

If we are old-fashioned "literalists," it will make men and women everyday Christians. The knowledge that the coming of Jesus is at the door, causes people to live right every day

of the week, lest coming suddenly He find us asleep.

An old-fashioned belief in the second coming of Christ will make everyone good church members. It will not be necessary for the pastor to spend many hours preaching to his people that they "ought" to do this or that, and line up with the teachings of the church. Oh, my brother, a real, honest, sincere, heartfelt belief in the real eminent, literal coming of Jesus will cause men and women to live close to God and stay as far away from the world and the pride and fashions of the world as possible. Instead of seeing how close to the world they can live, they will be seeing how close to God they can live every day.

This old-fashioned belief in the coming of Jesus will do more to fan anew the flames of evangelization in the church, in the home, and in the world, than anything that I know of. It was the intense belief of the early disciples of the soon return of Jesus that caused them to brave the frown of their own people to carry the good news to the Gentiles. It was this urge that caused them to sail seas, brave dangers, endure hardship, and preach the gospel everywhere. Do you feel this hope surging in your heart?

I recall the question in the beginning of this message, and in the light of the Bible, and in the answer of my innermost being, I answer the question with a glad cry, "Jesus cometh, Jesus cometh." Will you NOW look up to heaven and let this be the cry of your innermost heart, "Even so, COME Lord Jesus"?

Paper Situation

We had expected the paper situation to clear up shortly after the war stopped, however, the last few weeks have been the most critical we have had since the beginning of the war. We have been forced to run part of the Lighted Pathway on newsprint, several issues of the Evangel and Teacher's Quarterly, also. This may continue several months as 80 per cent more paper is now being exported, according to reports. Large paper users have purchased paper mills and have taken the entire output, or at least what was needed, for their own use, resulting in a tremendous shortage of paper, especially among small publishers. We are compelled to ask that you continue to bear with this situation. As early as the Lighted Pathway and Evangel can be restored to normal size this will be done. So far, however, this has been impossible. We need your prayers.—Managing Editor.

"STAYS" FOR THE MIND

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before us concerning liquor, cigarettes, and other harmful products. How refreshing to the Christian's mind and heart it is to see, by contrast, a scripture verse on a wayside poster, painted on a fence or rock, or on a wall motto.

I once knew a very humble Christian man who witnessed for his Lord by painting scripture verses or portions of them in large, white letters, on huge, black rocks along a well-traveled highway which passed his woodland. This testimony attracted much notice from saint and sinner passing by. "Are you ready to meet God?" and "Where will you spend Eternity?" sent a chill through many reckless young motorists speeding by on some errand not of God's bidding.

Stationery bearing scripture texts often serves to remind folks of Christ, too.

TALKING ABOUT THE LORD

is not impossible for even the busiest Christian. It is difficult to do, however, and Satan gives us many excuses for not "having time" and the like. But we can *make* the time, if we will. God will give us the opportunity, if we desire it. Then there are

OTHER MOORINGS

sometimes of unexpected sort. I knew a young man who, some years ago, went away from his country home and church to work in a large city. He was quite alone and unacquainted. His evenings proved long and irksome. One evening, as he wandered along the main street, he paused before a brilliantly-lighted theater entrance. He saw crowds thronging the box office, seeking pleasure and pastime. He debated whether he should enter. Back home he had not been in the habit of going to "shows" or movies, because his parents, his church, and his conscience had disapproved the practice by Christians.

"But here," Satan whispered, "here in this strange and large city, where no one knows you, no one from home will ever know . . . you're alone, a stranger, you need recreation so you can do better work tomorrow . . . some movies are really beneficial, no harm in them at all . . . surely, being a Christian, you'll not be harmed by a few movies! It won't hurt you to go—just once."

The boy wavered. He was about to go inside, when he happened to look behind him—perhaps instinctively, to see that no person "from home" was

looking.

There wasn't anyone there. But far up the great avenue, on the roof of an office building, he saw an electric sign flash forth from the blackness the clear message—

"JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

No, the boy did not enter the theater. He did not listen to Satan's plea. He has not entered a theater or movie since, even though many years have elapsed since then. Each time he is tempted to do so he recalls his experience—and God's marvelous way of "staying" his mind and heart. Those words were emblazoned indelibly on his memory.

PERFECT PEACE

—the Bible kind—surely will come to the Christian who conscientiously stays the mind on the Lord. And when the Lord Jesus Christ becomes to each of us such a dear Friend, choice Companion, indispensable Keeper from sin that we cannot forget what He has done for us, then it will not be difficult to keep our minds stayed on Him. It will be done involuntarily. His presence will pervade our lives. His peace will be ours indeed. But

PROPER ANCHORS

are essential. Let us select them with much care, prayer and practice, daily. The reward will repay our efforts many fold.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body, I have a growth in my throat which chokes me very badly, and I am almost blind.—Mrs. Bessie Fowler, Rt. 2, Loganville, Ga.

The complete healing of James Land who is in the veterans' hospital in Waco, Tex.—H. L. Garrett, Sundown, Texas.

God to heal my body.—S. D. Markland, Rt. 3, Elizabethton, Tenn.

Louise Taylor who has T. B.; Homer Bryan in the hospital very ill, and Arthur Grant who has stomach trouble.—Myrtle Johnson, P. O. Box 20, Huntington 3, W. Va.

God to heal my body, and undertake for my home and family.—Sister Eva Smith, 1853 Champlain St., Toledo 11, Ohio.

The healing of Margie Gabrels and my daughter, Doris Fradey; my daughter-in-law that she might be healed; God to undertake for my son.—Mrs. B. M. Franklin, Box 337,

Clarksville, Ga.

God to heal Sister Branton's body.—Mrs. Rosa Putman, Lincolnton, N. C.

My small son, Ottis, who was in a wreck in the school bus and has a broken shoulder and bruises; others have broken bones, and are hurt badly.—Mrs. Maria Dykes, Rt. 2, Hazlehurst, Ga.

God to completely heal me of rheumatism.—Mrs. Sallie Ott, Rt. 3, Winnsboro, S. C.

God to deliver me from the clutches of alcohol, I am a hard drinker, a long-time backslider.—Albert V. Horner, San Francisco, Calif.

My healing of deafness, bad teeth and other ailments; my son to be healed of ulcerated stomach.—C. S. Spence, Rt. 11, Knoxville 18, Tenn.

The healing of my mother who is very sickly.—Sister Myrtle Mixon, 1104 Edison Ave., Jacksonville 4, Fla.

My son to recover of T.B.; my sister of chills and throat trouble; my healing, I have been sick with my teeth and throat.—Mrs. D. C. Jordan, Gaston, N. C.

God to help and undertake for me, I need His help. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Royal C. Burton, 6007 Calvert St., Anderson, S. C.

The healing of my body; my brother to be healed.—Sister Edith Coleman, 1106 Sitka, Sulphur Springs, Fla.

God to undertake for my sister.—Orlean Easter, Rt. 2, Box 15, Amelia, Va.

The Lord to heal me of arthritis, I am in a serious condition. There is no other way except the Lord.—Mrs. Mary Hyatt, Rt. 2, Box 206, Dillon, S. C.

The Lord to heal my body, I have bad spells; the healing of my mother's eyes, she is almost blind.—Mrs. Leda Mae Clinton, Rosedale, Miss.

OBITUARIES

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church Saturday night and sang the praises of God. Early Sunday morning, he took sick, and went to be with Jesus the same day. He was superintendent of the Sunday School.

We covet your prayers.—His wife, Mrs. J. T. Altman, and children, Rt. 1, Patterson, Ga.

WILBANKS

Brother A. F. Wilbanks, of Toccoa, Ga., Church of God, departed this life March 31, 1946. He was a good, loyal member, and was well liked by all who knew him. He was seventy-seven years of age.—R. Q. Brown, clerk, Toccoa, Ga.

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